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Addendum

PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

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Chapter V

PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

A. Opening of the session

1. The second part of the fortieth session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by Mr. Al Sherif Fawaz Al Sharaf (Jordan), President of the Board at its fortieth session. The President made an opening statement (see introduction, paras. 1 to 8).

B. Bureau of the Board

2. At its 834th (opening) meeting, on 18 April 1994, the Board took note that Mr. Akio Ijuin (Japan) had been replaced by Mr. Shohei Naito (Japan) as Vice-President.

3. Accordingly, the Bureau of the Board at the second part of its fortieth session was as follows:

President: Mr. Al Sherif Fawaz Al Sharaf (Jordan)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Yuri Afanassiev (Russian Federation)
Mr. Satish Chandra (India)
Mr. Mohamed Ennaceur (Tunisia)
Mr. Ioannis Kinnas (Greece)
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C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 1 (a))

4. At its 834th meeting, the Board adopted the provisional agenda for the second part of its fortieth session as in section I of TD/B/40(2)/1. (The agenda as adopted is reproduced in annex I below).

5. The Board also endorsed the proposals for the organization of work of the session contained in TD/B/40(2)/1/Add.2.

6. At the 835th meeting, on 19 April 1994, the President informed the Board that, in response to the request by the delegation of the United States of America for an additional item concerning "Preparations for the United Nations

International Symposium on Trade Efficiency" to be included in the agenda, the Bureau had agreed that this matter should be taken up under item 12 (Other business).

D. Establishment of sessional bodies

7. At its 834th meeting, the Board established two Sessional Committees of the whole and a Special Sessional Committee, allocating agenda items to them for consideration and report as follows:

Sessional Committee I

Trade policies, structural adjustment and economic reform (item 2)

Sustainable development (item 4)

Sessional Committee II

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (item 6)

Special Sessional Committee

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (item 5)

8. The Board agreed that those officers elected to serve on the Sessional Committees at the first part of the session should be retained to serve in the same capacities at the second part of the session and that the officers serving on Sessional Committee II would also serve on the Special Sessional Committee.

9. The Board elected Mr. Jigmi Thinley (Bhutan) as Chairman of Sessional Committee II and the Special Sessional Committee, to replace Mr. Leslie Gatan (Philippines), who had been transferred from Geneva.

10. Accordingly, the officers serving on the sessional bodies were as follows:

Sessional Committee I

Chairman:	Mr. Antti Hynninen (Finland)
Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:	Mr. Evgueni Manakine (Russian Federation)

Sessional Committee II and Special Sessional Committee

Chairman:	Mr. Jigmi Y. Thinley (Bhutan)
Vice-Chairman-cum-	

Rapporteur: Mr. Hermann Aschentrupp-Toledo (Mexico)

11. At its ..... (closing) meeting, on 29 April 1994, the Board took note of the reports of Sessional Committee I (TD/B/40(2)/SC.1/L.....), Sessional Committee II (TD/40(2)/SC.2/L.....) and the Special Sessional Committee (TD/B/40(2)/SSC/L.....), and decided that they should form an integral part of the summary of proceedings in volume II of the report of the Board on the second part of its fortieth session.

E. Adoption of the report on credentials

(Agenda item 1 (b))

[To be completed]

F. Provisional agenda for the first part of the forty-first session of the Board

(Agenda item 1 (c))

[To be completed]

G. Provisional agenda for the pre-sessional executive session of the Board in September 1994

(Agenda item 1 (d))

[To be completed]

H. Designation of the President of the forty-first session of the Board

(Agenda item 1 (e))

12. At the fifth (pre-sessional) executive session of the Board (8 April 1994), to which this item had initially been allocated, the President had drawn attention to the fact that, in accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the office of President of the Board, the President at the forty-first session would be a representative of one of the States in List C (Latin America). The Board had taken note that consultations were still in progress with the Latin American and Caribbean Group and had decided to revert to the matter again at the second part of its fortieth session.

[To be completed]

I. Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(Agenda item 11 (d))

13. At its 835th meeting, on 19 April 1994, the Board approved the application of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for designation under rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board. Information on this organization was contained in document TD/B/40(2)/R.1 (now de-restricted).

14. At the same meeting, the Board took note that the Arab Industrial Development Organization (AIDO), an intergovernmental organization which had been granted status by the Board at its eighteenth session, had changed its name to the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) and now consisted of the former AIDO, the Arab Organization for Standardization and Metrology (ASMO) and the Arab Organization for Mineral Resources (AOMR).

J. Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure

(Agenda item 11 (e))

15. Also at its 835th meeting, the Board approved the application of the Latin American Parliament for designation under rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board and decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD (See TD/B/40(2)/R.2 now de-restricted) and of the Bureau, to classify the organization in the general category under the terms of paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII).

16. The spokesman for the Latin American and Caribbean Group (Peru) made a brief statement to express the pleasure of his Group on the designation by the Board of the Latin American Parliament as a non-governmental organization in status with UNCTAD. He stated that this organization, which was made up of democratically elected parliamentarians from various countries in the Latin American region, was an entity which had been involved in promoting the economic and political interests of the region and as such could make a valuable substantive contribution to the work of UNCTAD.

17. Finally, the Board noted that the International Foundation for Development Alternatives (IFPA), a non-governmental organization which had been granted status in the General Category by the Board at its eighteenth session, had informed the secretariat that the Foundation was currently inactive and that a resumption of its activities was unlikely. Accordingly, the Board noted that IFDA had been withdrawn from the list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD and would be deleted from document TD/B/INF.107/Rev.6.

K. Status of the European Community in the Special Committee on Preferences

(Agenda item 11 (f))

18. At the 835th meeting, on 19 April 1994, the spokesman for the European Union (Greece) referred to the proposal set forth in the explanatory memorandum circulated in TD/B/40(2)/22 to upgrade the status of the European Community in the Special Committee on Preferences and called on the Board to examine the proposal. He recalled that the European Community had been participating in UNCTAD proceedings with observer status since 1964. The Community had its own competence on restrictive business practices and on trade preferences. This power was exclusive and he affirmed that the Community, in order to exercise its responsibilities, should have been granted in the Special Committee on Preferences the same status as the one it currently enjoyed in the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices.

Action by the Board

19. At the same meeting, the Board decided to mandate the President, in consultation with the UNCTAD Senior Legal Adviser, to conduct consultations on this item and to report on the outcome to the Board at its current session.

[To be completed]

L. Review of the calendar of meetings

(Agenda item 11 (g))

[To be completed]

M. Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

(Agenda item 11 (h))

[To be completed]

N. Other business

(Agenda item 11 (h))

Preparations for the United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency

[To be completed]

O. Adoption of the report of the Board

(Agenda item 13)

[To be completed]